

Unlike so many of the millionaires who received a \$93,000 tax cut in the \$350 billion tax bill, these families who earn between \$10,500 and \$26,000 per year and know what it is to work and pay taxes. We should walk in their shoes.

And let me remind the majority who this injustice has affected disproportionately. Two-thirds of the parents who will not be receiving this tax cut are women. 4 million single mothers, a million married couples with stay-at-home moms. Fifty-five percent of all married-couple families. Two hundred thousand military families. All have been left out by this Republican majority. On average, these families would have received \$276 in this year alone had the tax credit been extended to them.

Maybe that does not sound like a lot of money to some, particularly those millionaires who are going to get their \$93,000, but it can be a difference between a child going to school with or without school supplies, it helps the families of the 9 million children in this country without health insurance pay for the health care services that they need.

Assisting these families, these 12 million children, is a moral issue. It is a matter of values. Mr. Speaker, we must call on the president to use his moral authority, do something about those six-and-a-half million working families. They have earned that child tax credit like we will never know. We should pass this motion to instruct.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON). The question is on the motion to instruct offered by the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2003.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2003 TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2003

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, October 24, 2003, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2003, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. GUTKNECHT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

LETTERS FROM CONSTITUENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, back in 1838, the conservative leadership in the U.S. House of Representatives passed a rule prohibiting the discussion of slavery, essentially banning the debate of slavery in this body, which was the largest blot on our national heritage. For 4 years, people were not allowed to debate the issue of slavery on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Former President, then Congressman John Quincy Adams, night after night, day after day, week after week, came to the House floor, and not being able to debate slavery, he read letters from his constituents, most of them women, who could not vote in those days in the middle of the 19th century. So he read letters from his constituents protesting government policy on slavery.

Today, we have seen in this body the continued suppression of debate on whether or not the Bush administration told the truth about Iraq, a continuation of disallowing of amendments that would have provided and supplied for our soldiers better than they have been, and that the military is able to, and so, as a result, Mr. Speaker, today I want to read letters from my constituents about some of those issues.

Sharyn from Fairlawn, Ohio, writes: No to \$87 billion to Iraq. Yes to education that has suffered under President Bush. Yes for the creation of jobs that have suffered under Bush. Yes for giving financial aid to the small business manufacturing industry that has suffered to the point of near extinction. Let us get our country back.

Sharyn of Fairlawn, Ohio, was talking about the fact that we have lost 3½

million jobs since President Bush took office. In my State of Ohio, one out of every seven manufacturing jobs has disappeared, much of it because of bad trade agreements, and much of it because of Bush economic policies. One out of seven jobs has disappeared.

Erica, from Clinton, Ohio, writes: To continue writing blank checks to the team responsible for the deplorable mess in Iraq is throwing good money after bad. With the current team overseeing the reconstruction of Iraq, there will be no end in sight to further demands for additional monies. Keep large corporations from making important decisions in Iraq.

What Erica from Clinton, Ohio, is talking about is the fact that the Halliburton corporation and many other companies have received large, unbid contracts from President Bush and from the Pentagon to rebuild Iraq. It is the same company, Halliburton, which still is paying its former CEO, present Vice President of the United States, RICHARD CHENEY, still paying Vice President CHENEY \$13,000 every month.

So we have Halliburton, which has gotten literally billions of dollars in contracts, many of them unbid gifts from taxpayers, unbid contracts. Hundreds of millions of dollars in unbid contracts, billions of dollars overall. Halliburton has gotten this money and much of it is not accounted for. Yet the Vice President of the United States is still receiving \$13,000 a month from this company, not to mention Bechtel and other corporations, most of which are friends of the President and major contributors of the George Bush reelection campaign.

Celia from Strongsville writes: No more money should be allocated for Iraq until we make Bush's administration accountable for it and tell us what he is doing with it.

Again, she is talking about Halliburton, the \$13,000 a month to Vice President CHENEY, and all the money unaccounted for going to these large corporations which are major contributors to the President.

Celia continues to write: You cannot cut taxes and continue to increase spending without bankrupting the next generation in this country. When Congress appropriated \$87 billion last week, at the President's demand, understand every one of those \$87 billion was borrowed money from the next generation.

Celia then closes by saying: I used to think Republicans were more fiscally responsible than Democrats. I know that is not true any more.

Jack from Strongsville, Ohio, writes: Enough is enough. Let us stop losing American lives and get back to saving our country.

Ed from Strongsville, Ohio, writes: We seem to have no money for anything other than defense initiatives. The Iraq war has totally distracted us from the real issues of terrorism and from our domestic economic agenda.